

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 6, 8a, and 8b with the attached replacement figures. No changes have been made to these drawings – the background of the text portion over the crosshatched areas is now white to enhance readability.

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Omitted items dated November 11, 2003. The notice identified that Figures 11-13 were not included in the originally-filed application. Applicants note that Figures 11-13 were inadvertently left out. However, applicants have chosen option III, which requires reference to the omitted items to be removed from the specification. A portion of the foregoing amendments concern removal of text related to Figures 11-13. Other amendments entered above relate to correction of minor typos and the like. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application as amended.

In the drawings, the replacement figures have been modified to make the text more readable in the regions where text appears over cross-hatched areas. It is believed these changes introduce no new matter and respectfully ask that the Examiner accept these changes.